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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Energy Resources USA, Inc.

Project No. 14748-000

Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments
and Motions to Intervene

On December 22, 2015, Energy Resources USA, Inc. (Energy Resources) filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Cedar Creek Hydroelectric Project (Cedar Creek Project or project) to be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Cedar Creek Dam on the Cedar Creek River in Franklin County, Alabama. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) a control structure with three 9.5-foot-wide, 25-foot-long spill gates; (2) one 6-foot-diameter, 49-foot-long penstock with a butterfly valve; (3) a bifurcation structure; (4) two 4-foot-diameter, 32-foot-long penstocks; (5) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total capacity of 1.5 megawatts; (6) a 1000-foot-long, 220-foot-wide tailrace; (7) a substation; and (8) a 4.5-mile-long, 69 kV transmission line. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 5,500 megawatt-hours, and operate as directed by the Corps.

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Deadline for filing comments and motions to intervene: 60 days from the issuance of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments and motions to intervene using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact

information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14748-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14748) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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